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NEWS RELEASE

The International Bridge Administration today announced that one-way traffic crossings of the International Bridge at Sault Ste. Marie totaled 132,686 for the month of December, 2004. This represents a decrease of 2.84% as compared to December, 2003.

Traffic statistics for the month are as follows:

<i>Vehicle Classification</i>	<i>One-Way Crossings</i>	<i>Change from December, 2003</i>	<i>Percent of Total Crossings</i>
<i>Full-Fare Passenger Cars:</i>	58,585	-12.9%	44.2%
<i>Commuter Fare:</i>	63,166	9.1%	47.6%
<i>Car Pulling Trailers</i>	1,454	-32.3%	1.1%
<i>Commercial Trucks:</i>	9,481	2.9%	7.1%
<i>Totals:</i>	132,686		100%

Traffic for calendar year 2004 has totaled 1,849,382 vehicles; this represents a decrease of 2.6% as compared to 2003. Since the bridge opened in 1962, over 76,980,000 vehicles have crossed the structure.

Manager's Note: IQ Card sales are 15.8% greater than the December 2003 equivalent ticket book sales. This represents the third consecutive month of increasing card sales since the program began in October 2004.

Sincerely,

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